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SUBJECT: Intelligence in Support of Economic Defense Activities

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1. You indicated to me the other day that some of the people in [REDACTED] shop were in a stew about the [REDACTED] request for certain commodity studies. [REDACTED] called me this morning on another matter and confirmed what I indicated to you, namely, that this is an interim measure and probably should be incorporated into the IWG program before the studies are complete.

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2. While the Commerce representative on [REDACTED] committee seems to agree with the desirability of incorporating these studies under IWG, there may be some trouble with Commerce before we are finished in view of the fact that they have an elaborate task team structure designed to take care of precisely this kind of problem.

3. This leads me to comment on a more fundamental and far-reaching organizational problem connected with the supplying of intelligence to the various agencies concerned with economic defense activities. Even as a neophyte in this business I realize that there are at least three separate schemes designed to furnish such intelligence: ~~in that~~ (a) there are the working groups set up under the Steering Group of EDAC, which handle functional problems such as counter-measures, etc. While these groups are not primarily concerned with commodity studies, they obviously contain a wealth of commodity material. I could be mistaken, but to my knowledge there are no set procedures for coordinating and insuring intelligence consistency between the commodity reports and these functional studies, nor are there any procedures, in so far as I know, designed to make the existing commodity studies available for the functional reports. (b) There are some 30 commodity task groups working under Department of Commerce direction, that are concerned with providing commodity studies of an intelligence nature to support the Department of Commerce export control program. In this, I gather, they are reconsidering items on the US control lists. *Then of course,*

~~So~~ There is the IWG whose purpose is to provide direct intelligence support to EDAC. Taken literally, this would include the kind of studies prepared by working groups under the EDAC Steering Group as well as the sort of studies being prepared by the commodity task teams under Commerce. It might even be construed to include some of the things done by the EIC subcommittees and working groups (e.g., the shipping study under way in the Transportation Subcommittee and the contribution to NIE-59, nearing completion in [REDACTED] working group).

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4. I have undoubtedly overstated the confusion which exists in this field, and I am sure that in some people's minds the responsibilities between these various groups are pretty clearly delineated. However, I think it is absolutely essential that we take the lead with ODMS (through Ken Hansen) in rationalizing the responsibilities of these various intelligence committees.

5. I suggest we begin this exercise by having [REDACTED] lay out a chart defining very briefly these responsibilities and, in so far as they are known, describing the relationships. 25X1A9a

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